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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN ROUNDUP

1. RHODESIAN PRESS REPORTED ON FEB 16 THAT GOVERNEMTN HAD TABLED IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY LARGEST DEFENSE BUDGET EVER TOTALING RHODESIAN DOLS 98.4 MILLION WITH INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR OF DOLS 14 MILLION OR ALMOST 18 PERCENT. HALF OF INCREASE IS TO PAY FOR COSTS OF ADDITIONAL CALL-UPS OF NATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL SERVICEMEN. DEFENSE IS THE LARGEST ITEM IN THE BUDGET, HAVING SURPASSED EDUCATION, THE TRADITIONAL LARGEST ITEM UNTIL LAST YEAR, BY DOLS 17 MILLION.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF FINANCE, DAVID SMITH, ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 24 AN INCREASED
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SALES TAX, TO 15 PERCENT, AND REIMPOSITION OF 10 PERCENT INCOME TAX SURCHARGE. AT SAME TIME WAGE INCREASES WERE LIMITED FOR A YEAR TO 5 PERCENT. SMITH STATED THAT 1976 WAS SECOND YEAR IN ROW THAT RHODESIA HAD EXPERIENCED "NIL OR NEGATIVE GROWTH...AND I SEE NO PROSPECT OF A RETURN TO GROWTH BEFORE 1978." HE SAID GENERAL RECESSION, HEAVY DEMAND FOR FUNDS IN CONNECTION

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WITH MAKE-UP PAY SCHEME, NEW CALL-UP SYSTEM, AND HIGHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES, IN PARTICULAR DEPRESSED STEEL INDUSTRY, HAD DICTATED NEED FOR FURTHER REVENUES.

3. PRESS QUOTES THE GOVERNMENT MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY AS SHOWING A NET LOSS IN WHITES FROM RHODESIA FOR FEBRUARY OF NEARLY 1,000. THIS BRINGS YEARLY TOTAL LOSS (FEBRUARY 1976-FEBRUARY 1977) TO 7,072. LOSS FOR FEBRUARY COULD BE RECORD MONTHLY LOSS, COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS HIGH IN AUGUST 1976, OF 910. THE LAST YEAR THAT RHODESIA EXPERIENCED NET WHITE EMIGRATION LOSS WAS 1966 WITH TOTAL OF 2,090 WHITES LEAVING.
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